

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
)	Examiner: Lyle ALEXANDER
Cary James MILLER, et al.)	
)	Group Art Unit: 1743
Application No.: 10/658,528)	
)	Confirmation No.: 1959
Filed: September 10, 2003)	
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For: IMMUNOASSAY DEVICE WITH)	Date: April 13, 2007
IMPROVED SAMPLE CLOSURE)	

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION


Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2007, requiring restriction of invention under 35 U.S.C. § 121, Applicants hereby provisionally elect, without traverse, the Group I invention, comprising claims 1-24, drawn to a method and apparatus for loading and transferring a fluid, and classified in class 436, subclass 165. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the non-elected inventions.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this response or the application in general, the Examiner is urged to contact the Applicants' attorney, Andrew J. Bateman, by telephone at (202) 625-3547. All correspondence should continue to be directed to the address given below.

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